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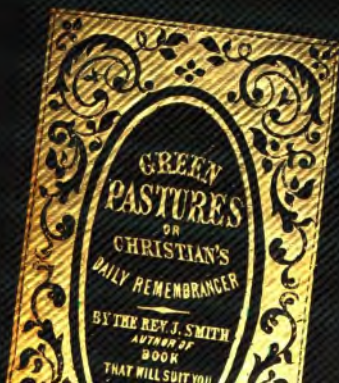
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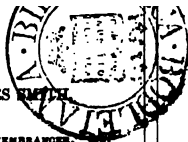
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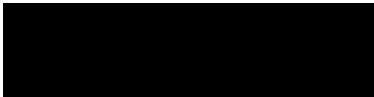


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January 1

**MY** grace is sufficient for thee; for  
my strength is made perfect in  
weakness.—2 Cor. xii. 9.

I am yours

**January 3.**

**TRUST** in the Lord with all thine heart ; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Prov. iii. 5.

Trust him, he will supply your needs,  
And listen to your prayers;  
His word is true, he cannot change,  
On him cast all your cares.

We can never trust the Lord too confidently, for his word is truth ; nor is jealousy over our own hearts ever unseasonable, for they are false.

January 5.

**I** THE Lord thy God will hold thy  
right hand, saying unto thee, Fear  
not ; I will help thee.—Isa. xli. 13.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismay'd ;  
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid !  
I'll daily sustain thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

If we keep the Lord's way we shall  
be sure of his company and support ;  
he will both cheer and help us.



January 7.

**F**EAR not, Abram ; I am thy shield,  
and thy exceeding great reward.

—Gen. xv. 1.

With sins, and fears, and fiends I'll fight,  
My shield shall put them all to flight;  
The conquest gained, I'll quit the field,  
And triumph in my glorious shield.

God is our shield, and will come between us and all that would really harm us, therefore we should not fear.

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January 11.

THE foundation can no man lay  
than that is laid, which is Jesus  
Christ.—1 Cor. iii. 11.

When all foundations else will fall,  
Those built on this will then prevail;  
And lift their heads with joyful praise,  
To him who this foundation lays.

The only foundation of a sinner's hope  
is Jesus; on him we must rest the  
entire weight of our eternal concerns.

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**January 13.**

**THE** Lord liveth ; and blessed be  
my rock ; and let the God of my  
salvation be exalted.—Ps. xviii. 46.

He lives, and blessed be my Rock !  
The God of my salvation lives :  
The dark designs of hell are broke ;  
Sweet is the peace my Father gives.

If the living God is our support, we  
shall never fail ; if the God of salvation  
is our friend, we ought to exalt him.

January 15.

**I**N every thing give thanks; for this  
is the will of God in Christ Jesus  
concerning you.—1 Thess. v. 18.

• Lord, let a sense of sovereign grace  
Our best affections move,  
That while our lips thy praise proclaim,  
Our hearts may feel thy love.

We have always so many mercies  
left us; that we never can be consist-  
ent unless we are grateful and thankful.

January 16.

**THIS** is a faithful saying, and worthy  
of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save sinners.  
—1 Tim. i. 15.

Transgressors of the deepest stain  
In him salvation find:  
His blood removes the foulest guilt,  
His Spirit heals the mind.

He came to save exactly such persons  
as you are; look unto him and ex-  
pect to be saved by him, and you  
shall not be disappointed.

January 17

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January 19.

GRIEVE not the Holy Spirit of God,  
whereby ye are sealed unto the  
day of redemption.—Eph. iv. 30.

Forbid it, Lord, that we  
Who from thy hand receive  
The Spirit's power to make us free,  
Should e'er that Spirit grieve!

The Holy Spirit is a divine person,  
and should be honoured by us in all  
our purposes, plans, and practices: he  
is our Comforter, Guide, and Friend.

No one can really trust in God until he knows him ; and no one does know him who does not trust in him.

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**January 21.**

**SURELY** I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him.—Eccles. viii. 12.

The men that fear the Lord  
In every state are blest ;  
The Lord will grant whate'er they want,  
Their souls shall dwell at rest.

If we fear to offend God because he is gracious, he will make all things work together for our good.



January 23.

**I WILL** be a Father unto you, and  
ye shall be my sons and daughters,  
saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor.vi. 18.

My sons and daughters you shall be,  
Through the atoning blood;  
And you shall claim and find in me  
A Father and a God.

Those who separate from the world,  
and forsake sin at God's command,  
shall always be his beloved children.

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January 25.

**A FRIEND** loveth at all times  
a brother is born for adversity.  
Prov. xvii. 17.

His love no end nor measure know  
No change can turn its course,  
Immutably the same it flows  
From one eternal source.

Such a friend is Jesus—his love  
without variableness or the shadow  
of a turning; and he is the brother who  
befriends us in adversity.

January 27.

**T**HE Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil  
—2 Thess. iii. 3.

The Lord is faithful still to guide  
And guard us night and day;  
The Lord is faithful to provide,  
And keep us lest we stray.

Walk closely with God, and he will  
faithfully preserve you from Satan,  
and establish your goings in his ways.

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January 28.

**T**HE needy shall not alway be forgotten : the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.—Ps. ix. 18.

He'll not forget your suppliant prayer,  
Ye humble souls awhile opprest !  
The poor his plenteous grace shall share,  
Nor hope deceive th' afflicted breast.

The prayers of the needy are sure of an answer, for God is true ; and the hopes of the poor in spirit will in due time be realized.

January 29.

**I**T is the Lord ; let him do what seemeth him good —

January 31.

WHAT shall I render unto the  
Lord for all his benefits toward  
me? I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

—Ps. cxvi. 12, 13.

The best return for one like me,  
So wretched and so poor,  
Is from his gifts to draw a plea,  
And ask him still for more.

Whatever comes from God to us is a  
benefit, however painful.



February 1.

**T**HIS is his name whereby he shall  
be called, The Lord our Righteous-  
ness.—Jer. xxiii. 6.

Oh, that my faith could Jesus claim,  
No more should doubts depress;  
Fain would I triumph in his name,  
The Lord our Righteousness.

The righteousness by which we are  
justified was wrought out by Jesus;  
and is imputed us of free grace.

February 2.

**L**ET us therefore come boldly unto  
the throne of grace, that we may  
obtain mercy and grace.

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February 4.

NEW commandment I give unto  
you, That ye love one another ; as  
I have loved you, that ye also love one  
another.—John xiii. 34.

Let love through all my conduct shine—  
An image fair, though faint, of thine !  
And thus may I thy follower prove,  
Great Prince of peace, great God of love,  
Love to saints as such, irrespective of  
external circumstances, is a strong  
proof of the new birth.

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*February 5.*

**BLESSED** be ye poor ; for yours is  
the kingdom of God.—Luke vi. 20.

These are the souls whom Christ will bless  
With all the riches of his grace ;  
And these are they who soon shall rise  
To a bright kingdom in the skies.

The poorer we are, the more we need  
the Saviour ; and the more we need





February 8.

I HAVE trusted in thy mercy ; my  
heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

—Ps. xiii. 5.

'Tis mercy buries all complaints,  
Gives pleasures ever new ;  
Oh, how it triumphs o'er the saints,  
And makes them triumph, too !

Confidence in God's mercy will prompt  
us to fervent prayer ; and fervent  
prayer will be crowned with joyful  
success : faith is the root of prayer.

February 10.

UNTO you that fear my name shall  
the Sun of righteousness arise  
with healing in his wings.—Mal. iv. 2.

To fear thy name, to trust thy grace,  
To learn thy will be my employ,  
Till I shall see thee face to face,  
Thyself my heaven—thyself my joy.

The best Christians are sometimes in  
the dark : this is necessary to try  
them ; but light is sown for them, and  
deliverance is not far from them.

February 12.

OF his fulness have all we received,  
and grace for grace.—John i. 16.

All things I want ; but one is nigh  
My want of all things to supply ;  
Pardon, and peace, and liberty,  
Jesus, I all things have in thee.

All fulness is in Jesus ; it is there for  
his people ; they are always welcome  
to it : you cannot be more welcome  
than you are at this moment ; go and  
receive, and thus glorify him.

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The strength that supports us is omnipotent, the refuge that preserves us is eternal ; why then should we fear ?

February 14.

**I WILL** not leave you comfortless ; I will come to you.—John xiv. 18.

Thanks to thy name, all-gracious Lord,  
For every promise in thy word ;  
But oh, with this our hearts impress,  
“ I will not leave you comfortless.”

Jesus never leaves his people, though he sometimes hides his face from them ; he always sympathizes with them in their sorrows, and turns their sorrow into joy.

February 16.

**K**EEP me as the apple of the eye,  
hide me under the shadow of thy  
wings.—Ps. xvii. 8.

To me thy watchful care apply,  
Quick as the shade which guards the eye;  
While round my soul thy mercy flings  
The shel't'ring shadow of its wings.

The Lord will carefully keep and com-  
fortably protect those who put their  
trust in him.

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February 17.  
**BEHOLD**, God is my salvation ; I  
will trust and not be afraid.—Isa.  
xii. 2.

To the Eternal thanks belong,  
Who hast become our strength and song.  
In Jesus we adore thy grace,  
Which saves and sanctifies our race.  
Our Saviour is God, and in saving us  
he displays all the glories of his cha-  
racter.

February 18.  
**GOD** resisteth the proud, but giveth  
grace unto the humble. Submit  
yourselves therefore.

**L** also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii. 5.

Come, let us imitate his love,  
And walk as Jesus walk'd below ;  
The Lord will such attempts approve,  
And we shall his salvation show.

The mind of Jesus was characterized  
by peace, holiness, humility, truth,  
confidence, and love.

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**February 20.**

**O**UR fathers trusted in thee ; they  
trusted and thou didst deliver  
them.—Ps. xxii. 4.

From want of faith our sorrows flow ;  
Short-sighted mortals, weak and blind,  
Bend down their eyes to earth and woe,  
And doubt if providence is kind.

# **February 21.**

**WHY** dost thou strive against him?  
for he giveth not account of any  
of his matters.—Job xxxiii. 13.

Confess him righteous in his just decrees,  
Love what he loves, and let his pleasure please.  
Die daily, from the touch of sin recede  
Then thou hast crowned him, and he reigns  
indeed.

Nothing can be more irrational and  
absurd than for a sinful creature to  
strive with his Maker.

# **February 22.**

**[ WILL** heal their hearts  
love the



**A**RISE ye, and depart ; for this is  
not your rest : because it is pol-  
luted.—Micah ii. 10.

It needs our hearts be wean'd from earth,  
It needs that we be driven,  
By loss of every earthly stay,  
To seek our joys in heaven.

The earth, in its present state, is not  
intended to be the home of the Lord's  
family : their rest is above.

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**February 24.**

**M**ANY are the afflictions of the  
righteous ; but the Lord delivereth  
him out of them all.—Ps. xxxiv. 19.

Numerous waves of trouble rolling,  
Oft his humble saints oppress ;  
But the Lord, their race controlling,

# CHRIST *February 25.*

for us ; therefore let us keep the  
feast.—1 Cor. v. 7, 8.

Once Jesus, as thy surety, bled ;  
Was crowned with thorns, to Calvary led,  
From sin and curse to set thee free ;  
His blood's a peaceful sign to thee.

The Lord passes over the sins of his  
people, and saves their persons, be-  
cause Jesus died in their stead.

# *February 26.*

V whom we have boldness and ac-  
cess with confidence to him.—Eph. 3:12

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth  
all understanding, shall keep your  
hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.  
—Phil. iv. 7.

Will my God this peace reveal,  
When my heart and flesh shall fail?  
Then I'll sing in Jordan's flood,  
Sweet's the peace that's made by blood.

It is only as we place unhesitating confidence in the atonement, and cast all our cares upon God, that we can enjoy peace.

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**February 28.**

**S**ET your affection on things above,  
not on things on the earth.—Col. iii. 2.

Rise, from these earthly trifles, rise  
On wings of faith and love:

February 29.

**K**EEP back thy servant also from  
presumptuous sins ; let them not  
have dominion over me.—Ps. xix.  
13.

From each presumptuous way restrain,  
Nor on my heart let guilt remain :  
Then shall my spirit stand sincere,  
From guilt's allow'd dominion clear.

There is nothing so bad, but, if left  
to ourselves, we shall fall into it.

March 1.

**T**HE Lord is our judge, the Lord is  
our lawgiver, the Lord is our  
he will save

March 3.

IS there not an appointed time to  
man upon earth? Are not his  
days also like the days of an hireling?  
Job vii. 1.

Our days are number'd, let us spare  
Our anxious hearts a needless care;  
'Tis thine to number out our days,  
And ours to give them to thy praise.

There is no chance where God reigns;  
he who gave us life fixed its limit.

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March 5.

**I**F any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.—James i. 5.

Give me thy wisdom, Lord ; the sense  
Of godly sorrow give ;  
A strong desiring confidence  
To hear thy voice and live.

We need wisdom to manage our trials,  
exercise our graces, perform our duties,  
and conquer our foes.

Faith in God is essential to faith in his word ; and steady faith in his word is at the root of our stability and fruitfulness.

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THE will of the Lord be done.—

Acts xxi. 14.

My soul! rest happy in thy low estate,  
Nor hope, nor wish, to be esteem'd or great;  
To take the impression of a will divine,  
Be that my glory, and those riches mine.

The will of God is regulated by holiness, wisdom, and love, and must, therefore, be preferable to ours.

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Hold fast the truth of God, it is your  
charter ; hold fast your confidence in  
God, it is your strength ; and hold  
fast your profession, it is your honour.

March 9.

THOU wilt save the afflicted people;  
but wilt bring down high looks.—  
Ps. xviii. 27.

Down then with self exulting thoughts,  
Thy faith and hope employ,  
To welcome all that he allots,  
and suffer shame with joy.

When afflictions produce humility,  
and bring us nearer to God, salvation  
is certain ; but the proud will fall.



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poor, theirs is in heaven.

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March 11.

**THAT** I may know him, and the  
power of his resurrection, and the  
fellowship of his sufferings, being made  
conformable unto his death.—Phil.  
iii. 10.

'Tis life to know the dying lamb;  
Eternal life is in his name;  
O may I in this knowledge grow,  
And daily more of Jesus know.

To know Christ experimentally, is our  
highest attainment: daily seek it.

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And gracious all he does,  
We should do with our cares as we  
do with our sins ; carry them to Jesus,  
and cast them on him.

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**Psalm 13.**

**N**O man should be moved by these  
afflictions : for yourselves know  
that we are appointed thereunto.—1  
Thess. iii. 3.

Sov'reign love appoints the measure  
And the number of our pains ;  
And is pleased when we find pleasure  
In the trials he ordains.

Afflictions, like storms, often agitate  
and alarm us, but without cause.

March 15.

I AM the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.—Isa. xlviii. 17.

Lessons of a God's inspiring,  
Neither time nor place impedes;  
From our wishing and desiring,  
Our unhappiness proceeds.

If the Lord is our teacher, we shall  
learn to converse with him, work for  
him, and carefully imitate him.

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wants, leads to the throne of  
and helps our infirmities there.

March 17.

HE shall choose our inheritance  
us.—Ps. xlvii. 4.

His choice is safer than our own,  
Of ages past inquire—  
What the most formidable fate?  
To have our own desire.

As Joseph chose the best of the land  
for his brethren, so the Lord has  
chosen the best lot for his people.

Jesus.

March 19.

THOU hast delivered my soul from  
death, mine eyes from tears, and my  
feet from falling.—Ps. cxvi. 8.

And now, in the strength he has given,  
And pledged his own word to bestow,  
I'll fight through my passage to heaven,  
And sing of his love as I go.

Past mercies should animate us in  
present duties and trials.

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**I** WILL bring the third part through  
the fire, and will refine them as sil-  
ver is refined, and will try them as  
gold is tried.—Zech. xiii. 9.

He'll purge away nought but my dross,  
Then let him afflict, I'll adore;  
And cheerfully bear up the cross,  
Which Jesus has carried before.

Every Christian must have his cross ;  
but very few are satisfied with the  
one appointed for them.

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**March 21.**

**A**S one whom his mother comforteth,  
so will I comfort —

And closely  
fellowship with sinners is  
ating, while spiritual fellowship is  
mproving.

March 23.

**R**ESTORE unto me the joy of thy  
salvation, and uphold me with thy  
free Spirit.—Ps. li. 12.

Dear Lord, thy absence I deplore,  
Thy saving joys again restore ;  
And let thy Spirit, gen'rons, free !  
Uphold my future steps with thee.

Sin extinguishes the flame of holy  
joy, and when once it is extinguished,  
only the Lord can rekindle it : let us  
live and uprightly.

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**Marth 25.**

**NOW** the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace in believing,  
that ye may abound in hope through  
the power of the Holy Ghost.—Rom.  
xv. 13.

Cheer my desponding heart  
With consolations sweet,  
Give me to lie with humble hope  
At my Redeemer's feet.

The author of our hope is the source  
of our joy ; no one can produce a good  
hope in a sinner's heart but God.



The engagement of Jesus to suffer for his people was voluntary, but after he had engaged, his sufferings became necessary.

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March 27.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.—1 Chron. xvi. 29.

No longer then thou wilt encroach  
On his eternal right;  
And he shall smile at thy approach,  
And make thee his delight.

As God is the author of all good, all that is good should be ascribed to him. We cannot ascribe too much to God, nor too little to man

March 29.

WHO knoweth what is good for a  
man in this life, all the days of  
his vain life ?—Eccles. vi. 12.

My Father's wisdom cannot err,  
His love no change or failure knows ;  
Be mine his counsel to prefer,  
And acquiesce in all he does.

If we did but believe in God's love to  
us, we should be satisfied with the  
provision he has made for us.

tion: but be of good cheer, I have  
overcome the world.—John xvi. 33.

Sure every cross a mercy is,  
A blessing every thorn,—  
That tells me, here is not my bliss,  
I am for nobler born.

In the world trouble, in Jesus peace ;  
his is the Divine arrangement : and  
the trials we meet with in the world  
greatly endear the Saviour.

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**March 31.**

**W**OE unto him that striveth with  
his Maker.—Isa. xlv. 7.

Yield to the Lord with simple heart,  
All that thou hast, and all thou art ;  
Renounce all strength but strength divine,  
And peace shall be for ever thine.

This relationship calls for confidence, dependence, love, and obedience : if God is our husband, all will be well.

April 2.

**WHO** remembered us in our low estate ; for his mercy endureth for ever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 23.

He raised me from the lowest state,  
When hell was my desert ;  
I broke his law, and, (worse than that,)  
Alas ! I broke his heart.

Sin would have sunk us to the lowest hell, but grace raises us to the highest heaven ; God's remembrance is deliverance.

**JOYCE, because your names are**  
**written in heaven.—Luke x. 20.**

**Ne'er had you been convinced of sin,  
Or sought the Saviour's love,  
Unless your worthless names had been  
Enroll'd to life above.**

**God writes his law on our hearts,  
And we strive to write it out in our  
lives, it is a proof that our names are  
written in the Lamb's book of life.**

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**April 4.**

**If any man will come after me, let  
him deny himself, and take up his  
cross, and follow me.—Matt. xvi. 24.**

April 6.

**FROM** the end of the earth will I  
cry unto thee, when my heart is  
overwhelmed : lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I.—Ps. lxi. 2.

When sorely afflicted and ready to faint,  
Before my Redeemer I'll spread my complaint,  
In every new trial, to him will I cry,  
"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Jesus is the rock in which we are safe,  
and where we may find supplies ; to  
him let us repair in danger, and ap-  
ply in want.

the Holy Spirit  
sary to walking with God.

April 8.

**H**E will turn again, he will have  
compassion upon us.--Micah vii. 19.

Saviour, while after thee I mourn,  
Thou wilt compassion show;  
In mercy to my soul return,  
And all my sins subdue.

Under all our changes, the Lord's  
heart remains unchanged; and when  
we are suitably affected with a sense  
of our sins, he will turn and manifest  
himself again.

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— good, a stronghold in  
the day of trouble; and he knoweth  
them that trust in him.—Nah. i. 7.

We run in distress to Jesus our tower,  
And trust in his grace, his truth, and his pow'r,  
The weakest believer he knows and approves,  
And saves us for ever whom freely he loves

The goodness of God shines forth con-  
spicuously in our troubles and trials,  
and he always supports and delivers  
those who trust in him.

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April 10.

[E that toucheth you toucheth the  
apple of his eye.—Zech. ii. 8.

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April 11.

your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in  
heaven.—Matt. v. 16.

The light in us *must* shine,

Thou, Lord, direct its rays,  
So shall it show its source divine,  
And glorify thy grace.

Our conversation and conduct should  
show ; that men may see that our  
principles produce our practice.

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April 12.

TRUST in him at all times ; ye  
your heart be-

April 14.

**WHATSOEVER** ye would that  
men should do to you, do ye even  
so to them.—Matt. vii. 12.

Jesus, thy Spirit's power impart,  
Write thy commandments on my heart,  
And all my righteous life shall prove,  
The perfect law fulfilled in love.

**This precept must commend itself to  
every man's conscience; it is so simple,  
that we must understand it, and so  
just, that we must approve of it.**

...longing  
...to be admired by all  
...eve.

April 16.

He is not ashamed to call them  
brethren.—Heb. ii. 11.

We call him brother, and may claim  
The sympathies of that dear name ; —  
Our spirits, trembling, faint, and weak,  
From him repose and rest may seek.

If Jesus is not ashamed to call such  
sinners as we are brethren, let us be  
careful that we are never ashamed to  
own that such a Saviour is our Lord.

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April 18.

**BLESSED** is he, whosoever shall not  
be offended in me.—Matt. xi. 6.

O may I never, never be  
Offended at thy words or thee,  
But steadily obedient, prove  
The blessedness of simple love.

Strong love to Christ will enable us to  
bear any thing for Christ, and to be  
pleased with every thing in Christ.

**April 19.**

not, little flock ; for it is your  
er's good pleasure to give you  
gdom.—Luke xii. 32.

r Father will a kingdom give,  
nd give it with delight ;  
feeblest child his love shall call  
o triumph in his sight.

aviour's flock is his delight, for  
ople a kingdom is provided, and  
ll welcome them to it at last.

**April 20.**

ING my soul out of prison, that I  
ay praise thy name.—Ps. cxlii. 7.

— a fast release,

**I**n the Lord put I my trust: how say  
ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your  
mountain.—Ps. xi. 1.

Thou mayest flee: he tells thee where;  
Tells thee to Jesus Christ to fly;  
And while he sees thee trusting there,  
There's only mercy in his eye.

**M**an says, "Flee to creatures, and  
seek safety in them;" God says, "Flee  
to Jesus, and thou art safe."

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**April 22.**

**O**NE shall say, I am the Lord's.—  
Isa. xlv. 5.

'Tis done, the great transaction's done:  
I am the Lord's.

... thee, show  
me thy glory.—Exod. xxxiii. 18.

May we behold thy glories shine,  
With gentle beams of love divine ;  
And hear thy secret voice proclaim  
The various wonders of thy name.

The glory of God shines forth in the  
person and work of Jesus, and when  
the Holy Spirit shines upon the soul,  
we behold the glory of God in him.

April 24.

**A**LL manner of sin and blasphemy  
shall be forgiven unto men. —Matt.  
xii. 31.

Lord, I expect the moment...

April 26

**A** BRUISED reed shall he not  
break, and the smoking flax shall  
he not quench.—Isa. xlii. 3.

No, I find he never will,  
(Jesus is a Saviour still ;)  
He who kindled my desire,  
Will not let the spark expire.

No heart is so kind—no eye so pene-  
trating—no ear so quick—no hand  
so gentle—as the heart, eye, ear, and  
hand of Jesus ; here is our comfort  
and security.



turn from  
seek happiness only in man.

April 28.

WOULD have you without care-  
fulness.—1 Cor. vii. 32.

My cares, I give you to the wind,  
And shake you off like dust.  
Well may I trust my all with him,  
With whom my soul I trust.

Confidence in God is the cure of care,  
and that we may have confidence in  
him, he has given us his word, his  
oath, and his only begotten Son.

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shall rest ; he  
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journey, then

April 30.

**T**HERE remaineth therefore a rest  
to the people of God.—Heb. iv. 9.

O, if I, as one forgiven,  
Reach at last that happy shore ;  
How shall all the hosts of heaven  
Shout, and wonder, and adore !

Here we must labour, in heaven we  
shall rest ; here we must suffer, there  
we shall be filled with joy ; here we  
journey, there we shall enjoy repose.

**Step 1.**

THOU shalt call his name Jesus; for  
he shall save his people from their  
sins.—Matt. i. 21.

Jesus, in thy transporting name  
What glories meet our eyes!  
Thou art the angels' sweetest theme  
The wonder of the skies.

Jesus will not wear a name which he  
does not deserve; he is the Saviour,  
and he saves all who apply to him.

**Step 2.**

**SURELY** goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life.

—Ps. xxiii. 6.

Through all the winding maze of life,  
Thou hast been my guide;  
Thou hast been my guide.

Aug 3.

**WHAT** is a man profited, if he shall  
gain the whole world, and lose  
his own soul ?—Matt. xvi. 26.

If for a world a soul be lost,  
Who can the loss supply?  
More than a thousand worlds it cost,  
One single soul to buy.

The care of the soul is our principal  
business, let us make sure work for  
eternity, nor rest satisfied short of  
well-grounded confidence.

Aug 4.

**THOU** wilt keep him in perfect  
peace whose mind is steady.

his support  
and banish every care  
gloomy vale of death must  
if God be with me there.

will be faithful to this promise  
ay and every day ; let us there-  
plead it, and trust in it.

**Map 6.**

**MARY** sat at Jesus' feet, and heard  
his word.—Luke x. 39.  
O that I through faith may sit  
With his beloved ones,  
Happier at my Saviour's feet,  
Than monarchs on their thrones.  
The humble soul, who sits with atten-  
tion at the feet of Jesus, will learn his  
and imbibe his spirit.

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Jesus when  
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ther's face.

May 8.

**M**Y God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?—Matt. xxvii. 46.

Thou all my sin and curse hast took,  
That I may blest and holy be  
Thou by thy Father art forsook,  
That God may ne'er abandon me.

Marvellous was the experience of  
Jesus when forsaken by his God ;  
well can he sympathize with us when  
suffering from the hiding of our Father's face.

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ns; on the ground of this,  
never is pronounced righteous.

Step 10.

DID not our heart burn within us,  
while he talked with us by the  
way?—Luke xxiv. 32.

He came from heaven to kindle fire  
In earthly hearts like mine;  
Now, Lord, the flame of love inspire,  
Which may for ever shine.

Fellowship with Jesus will soften the  
heart, inflame the affections, awaken  
holy desires, and impart solid joy.

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May 11.

**H**E that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life.—John v. 24.

Blest with the faith that works by love,  
Blest with eternal life thou art;  
Thou hast the life of those above,  
The seed of glory in thy heart.

Faith is the root of every Christian's



Which  
Our circumstances are  
of chance, but the result of arrange-  
ment, and are the best for us.

Psalm 14.  
**MAKE** thy face to shine upon thy  
servant: save me for thy mercies'  
sake.—Ps. xxxi. 16.

One ray of light and comfort dart,  
One spark of faith into my heart:  
And let me feel thy sprinkl'd blood,  
And see thee now, my Lord, my God.  
When we can discover no good thing  
in ourselves, we ought to look up  
and ask every good thing of God.

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May 16.

SON, be of good cheer ; thy sins be forgiven thee.—Matt. ix. 2.

My Saviour, let me hear thy voice,  
Pronounce these words of peace ;  
And all my warmest powers shall join  
To celebrate thy grace.

A sense of the pardon of sin is one of the most powerful antidotes to the miseries of human life, and should be earnestly sought until enjoyed.

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**Map 17.**

the rock, his work is perfect ;  
all his ways are judgment ; a  
of truth and without iniquity,  
and right is he.—Deut. xxxii. 4.

is the rock on whom we rest,  
and firm on that foundation stand !  
His compassion fills his breast—  
His word is sure, and strong his hand.

God is a rock, on which we may  
, and a fountain, from which we  
always obtain supplies.

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**Map 18.**

— then if this cup may not  
I drink

~~May~~ 19.

CHRIST Jesus, of God, is made  
unto us wisdom, and righteous-  
ness, and sanctification, and redemp-  
tion.—1 Cor. i. 30.

A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,  
On thy kind arms I fall ;  
Be thou my strength and righteousness,  
My Jesus and my all.

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opportunity.

**May 22.**

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and  
cause thy face to shine, and we  
shall be saved.—Ps. lxxx. 7.

Thou hast helped in every need,  
This emboldens me to plead;  
After so much mercy past,  
Canst thou let me sink at last?

We daily need the renewing of the  
Holy Ghost, let us then seek and ex-  
pect it.

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May 24.

THE righteous cry, and the Lord  
heareth, and delivereth them out  
of all their troubles.—Ps. xxxv. 17.

Afflictions made them love the word,  
Stir up their hearts to pray'r ;  
And many precious proofs afford  
Of their Redeemer's care.

Prosperity often generates indiffer-  
ence, but afflictions stir us up to seek  
the Lord with full purpose of heart.

**I WILL come again and receive you  
unto myself, that where I am, there  
ye may be also.—John xiv. 3.**

Depending on their faithful Lord,  
To come again and fetch his bride;  
Millions have lived upon this word,  
And for this heavenly promise died.

Jesus never forgets or loses sight of  
us for one moment, and he will very  
soon come and fetch us to be with  
him for ever.

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**May 26.**

**AND Nathan said to David, Thou  
art the man.—2 Sam. xii. 7.**

Let those who think they stand beware,

May 27.

GOD said, Ask what I shall give thee.—1 Kings iii. 5.

More of thy presence, Lord, impart;  
More of thy image let me bear;  
Erect thy throne within my heart,  
And reign without a rival there.

Prayer is asking of God to give us  
what he has promised, and he has



June 3.

**BE** still and know that I am God ;  
I will be exalted among the hea-  
then.—Ps. xlv. 10.

To thee we yield our comforts up,  
To thee our lives resign ;  
In straits and dangers rich and **safe**,  
If we and ours are thine.

Under some dispensations we **must be**  
dumb, silently adoring the **Divine**  
sovereignty.

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—Acts xxv.

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1- ye love me, keep my command-  
ments.—John xiv. 15.

Strangers to thy love are they  
Who call it bondage to obey ;  
Be it my delight to prove,  
Obedience is the truth of love.

piritual love always produces a prac-  
al conformity to the Lord's precepts ;  
that does not obey the Saviour does  
love him ; the friends of Jesus do  
tsoever he commands them.

June 5.

VING therefore obtained help  
God, I continue

old, he is to us ; and what he is to us  
at this moment, he ever will be.

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June 7.

**H**E led them forth by the right way,  
that they might go to a city of ha-  
bitation.—Ps. cvii. 7.

They often murmured by the way,  
Because they judged by sight ;  
But were at length constrained to say,  
The Lord had led them right.

The Lord's way is often rough, but it  
is always right ; there is but one right  
way, and that is it by which the Lord  
is leading us.

**SAY, what wilt thou have me to do ?**

—Acts ix. 6.

I would not see, but in thy light ;  
I would not walk, but in thy might ;  
Or work a work, or speak a word,  
Or think a thought, without my Lord.

o Lord would have us believe in  
Son, rest on his faithful promise,  
walk by his holy precepts ; this is  
will of God concerning us.

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**June 9.**

the Father hath loved me, so have  
loved you : continue ye in my

—John xv. 9.

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**L**OOK unto me, and be ye saved, all  
the ends of the earth ; for I am  
God.--Isa. xlv. 22.

Though your heart has long been harden'd,  
Look on me, it soft shall grow ;  
Past transgressions shall be pardon'd,  
And I'll wash you white as snow.

By looking on the forbidden fruit our  
first parents fell, and by looking to  
the Lord Jesus, the tree of life, we  
rise and live for ever.

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**June 11.**

**T**HEY that be whole need not a  
physician.—Matt. ix. 12.

June 12.

**C**ALL unto me, and I will answer  
thee, and show thee great and  
mighty things that thou knowest not.

—Jer. xxxiii. 3.

Fear thou not, distress'd believer,

Venture on his mighty name :

He is able to deliver.

And his love is still the same.

who commanded the light to  
come out of darkness, hath shined  
into our hearts.—2 Cor. iv. 6.

O mighty God, with vigour shine,  
into this benighted heart of mine;  
let thy glories stand revealed,  
that the Saviour's face be held.

Religion always begins with God,  
communications produce our aspi-  
rations; we never pray until he has  
answered.

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June 15.

The Lord's hand waxed short!  
Num. xi. 23.

June 16.

**WHICH** hope we have as an anchor  
of the soul, both sure and stead-  
fast.—Heb. vi. 19.

Steadfast and sure, it cannot fail,  
It enters deep within the veil,  
It fastens on a land unknown,  
And moors me to my Father's throne.  
aith has most to do with the promise  
God's word, but hope with the bless-  
in God's hand; it is expecting  
in God what he has promised.

June 17.

**RY** hath chosen that good  
which shall



**M** crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ  
th in me.—Gal. ii. 20.

Be dead, my heart, to worldly charms,  
Be dead to every sin :  
And tell the boldest foes without,  
That Jesus reigns within.

Realizing union to Jesus, we perceive  
That we are interested in all that he  
doeth ; and we find that he liveth in us  
for our life and hope.

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**June 19.**

**T**HE end of all things is at hand : be-  
cause ye therefore sober, and watch unto

1 Pet. iv. 7

**June 20.**

[O! every one that thirsteth come  
ye to the waters, and he that hath  
no money; come ye.—Isa. lv. 1.

'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals,  
To call poor sinners home;  
More than a Father's love he feels,  
And welcomes all that come.

The fulness of Jesus is thrown open  
us to-day; let us accept the invi-  
on, apply for the blessings, and be  
py.

**June 21.**

The Lord will give strength

June 23.

**T**HEY that trust in the Lord shall  
be as Mount Zion, which cannot be  
removed.—Ps. cxxv. 1.

Thus they who in the Lord confide,  
Though foes assault on every side,  
Cannot be mov'd or overthrown,  
For Jesus makes their cause his own.

When we feel weak as a bruised reed  
and like the feather exposed to the  
winds, trusting to Jesus, we are stable  
as the mountains, and safe as the rock.

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**June 25.**

**I**F ye be reproached for the name of  
Christ, happy are ye.—1 Pet. iv. 14.

Slandered in the cause of Jesus,  
When we suffer for his name;  
Jesus then delights to bless us,  
Jesus dignifies our shame.

If impropriety of conduct brings re-  
proach upon us, we ought to be deeply  
humbled ; but if our devotedness to  
*the* Saviour does, we should rejoice.



as the spirit of faith, love, and holiness : this is the proof that we are the Lord's, and that he is ours.

June 27.

**I**N Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.—Eph. ii. 13.

Draw me, O Lord, with quickening-grace,  
And bring me yet more near;  
Here may I see thy glories shine,  
And taste thy mercies here.

If we know anything of nearness to God, we sigh for greater nearness, and daily mourn over our distance from him.

up an opportunities or usefulness which offer; evil times loudly call upon us to do good.

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June 29.

**W**HY are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? —Matt. viii. 26.

Our passage lies across the brink  
Of many a threatening wave;  
The world expects to see us sink,  
But Jesus lives to save.

Dangers are to try our faith, to stir us up to prayer, and to give the Lord an opportunity of displaying his power, faithfulness, and love.

July 1.

**T**HE name of the Lord is a strong tower ; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.—Prov. xviii. 10.

Jesus, the everlasting God,  
Thou art thy people's safe abode ;  
In every storm their refuge tower,  
The same till time shall be no more.

The name of the Lord reveals his nature, and shows us that all his perfections are united in our salvation and to do us good.

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keep his commandments; and his  
mandments are not grievous.—1  
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Effect must from the cause proceed,  
And thy dear genuine children prove  
truth, reality, and deed,  
Obedience is but *actual* love.

Acceptable obedience flows from  
and all true love produces  
ful obedience; we do not love  
we do not obey him.

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July 3.

OLD, the Lord cometh with  
housand of his



July 5.

**LET** your conversation be without  
covetousness ; and be content with  
such things as ye have.—Heb. xiii. 5.

Art thou a sinner, O my soul ?  
Then how canst thou complain ?  
What are thy troubles here, if weigh'd  
With everlasting pain ?

Covetousness is a bitter root, a pro-  
lific source of unhappiness ; content-  
ment is a Christian grace, and a living  
spring of comfort and peace.

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seek Jesus, which was crucified.  
—Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.

To look to Jesus as he rose,  
Confirms my faith, disarms my foes,  
Satan I shame and overcome,  
By pointing to my Saviour's tomb.  
The resurrection of Jesus proves the  
perfection of his work, and the com-  
pleteness of his conquest; he con-  
quered! therefore we shall conquer  
and triumph too.

July 7.

HAVING a desire to depart, and to  
be with Christ; which is far better.  
Phil. i. 23.

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sibly could be.

July 9.

things are naked and opened  
to the eyes of him with whom  
we to do.—Heb. iv. 13.

is calm eternal eye surveys  
all things in one unchanging view ;  
each creature lies beneath the gaze  
of " Him with whom we have to do."  
person or thing can be concealed  
in the eye of God ; let us then trust  
him and not be afraid.

CHRIST is  
self, now  
of God for

Exalted on his  
I see him made  
Then all my anxieties  
For Jesus lives, and

Christ is now in he-  
advocates our cause  
us off victorious.

**July 10.**

**SOME** trust in chariots, and some  
in horses ; but we will remember  
the name of the Lord our God.—Ps.  
x. 7.

all children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail:  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
O Master, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.  
O name of God warrants our con-  
fidence, and his faithfulness to his  
word encourages us to exercise it.

**July 11.**

**JUST** is entered into .  
; now .

**I**f ye then be risen with Christ, seek  
those things which are above—Col.  
iii. 1.

Rise from these earthly trifles, rise  
On wings of faith and love,  
Above your choicest treasure lies,  
And be your hearts above.

In regeneration we rise from death  
in sin, and our desires and affections  
should be daily ascending to him.

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**July 13.**

**H**E performeth the thing that is ap-  
pointed for me : and many such  
things are with him.—Job xxiii. 14.

wait upon the Lord, that  
hideth his face from the house  
of Jacob, and I will look for him.—  
viii. 17.

His wisdom, love, and power,  
Are all engaged for you,  
And in affliction's fiery hour,  
Will bring you safely through.  
If the Lord frown, we should confess  
our sin; if he hide his face, we should  
mourn; if he conceal himself, we should  
look for him.

Psalm 15.  
The Righteous  
is the man —

**JESUS** Christ, the same yesterday  
and to-day, and for ever.—Heb.  
xiii. 8.

The same his power his flock to guard ;  
The same his bounty to reward ;  
The same his faithfulness and love  
To saints on earth and saints above.

If Jesus were not God, he could not  
be immutable ; if not immutable, not  
always the same : but Jesus is always  
the same, therefore he is God.

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**July 17.**

**RE** thou faithful unto death, and I  
will give thee a crown of life.—

Said, I am cast out of thy sight ;  
yet will I look again toward thy  
ly temple.—Jonah ii. 4.

Yea with my depth of crimson guilt,  
My wallings, want, and woe,  
To that rich blood on Calvary spilt,  
I'll look, I'll hope, I'll go.

here is one monument of mercy  
e remarkable than another, it is  
sh ; and yet inconsistent Jonah  
ved : why then should I doubt !

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July 19.

I am with you alway, even unto  
e end.—Matt. xxviii. 20.



and pray thus.

July 25.

blood of Jesus Christ his Son  
ransometh us from all sin.—1 John

ere will I bathe my spotted soul,  
And make it pure and fair;  
Will not the eye of God discern  
One foul pollution there.

ere are no limits to the efficacy of  
aviour's blood, it never was more  
cacious than it is this morning.

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Son, and  
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Let nature curse  
Jesus shall raise  
And fix them new  
In glory change.

Perceiving the divine  
we place our depend  
relying on him etc

AS the body without works is  
dead, so faith without works is  
dead also.—James ii. 26.

By works our loving faith we show,  
Our sense of sins forgiven,  
And walking in his steps we go  
After our Head to heaven.

Faith *in* Christ conforms us *to* Christ ;  
if our faith is real, it will be active ;  
and its effect will be good works : no  
good works, no faith.

July 27.

THAT every one which seeth the  
Son, and believeth on him, may  
have everlasting life.—John vi. 40.

he is all he needs as a sinner, and all he desires as a saint.

July 29.

**O**UR God is in the heavens : he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

—Ps. cxv. 3.

Our God in heaven his throne maintains,  
Our God o'er all the earth he reigns ;  
And when his ways are most unknown,  
Through the whole world his will is done.

Our God is an absolute Sovereign,  
his will is law ; he doeth just what  
pleases him, but he will only choose  
to do what is holy, just, and good.

us therefore fix the eye on God's hand, and acquiesce in his will.

July 31.

**I**F any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.—2 Cor. v. 17.

Create all new, my will control;  
Subdue the rebel in my soul;  
Chase from my mind th' infernal foe,  
And peace, the fruit of faith bestow!

Real religion is not merely reformation, but it is a new creation; the heart must be thoroughly changed, and then views, motives, desires, and pursuits all become new.

August 2.

JESUS said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?

—Mark x. 51.

The feeling heart, the melting eye,  
The humble mind bestow,  
And shine upon me from on high,  
To make my graces grow.

There is nothing too hard for Jesus to do, and he is willing to do any thing for us which will promote his glory and our good.

if our lives are holy, and our conversation spiritual, we must expect persecution from the world ; but in this we may rejoice, for it is our glory.

August 4.

**WE** have not an high priest, who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.—Heb. iv. 15.

The love that brought him from the sky,  
For men to suffer, weep, and die,  
Prompts him with pitying heart to share  
Each secret grief his followers bear.

*The sympathy of the Saviour is exquisitely tender ; this should cheer and console us in the darkest day.*

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August 6.

**BECAUSE** ye are sons, God hath  
sent forth the Spirit of his Son  
into your hearts.—Gal. iv. 6.

The spirit of a child, Lord, give,  
O may I "Abba Father" say;  
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me live,  
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me die.

Adoption makes us sons, regeneration  
gives us the nature of children, and  
the Holy Spirit working in the heart,  
enables us to claim the relationship.

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To him whom men despise and sh  
To him be glory given ;  
The crown is his, and his by right,  
The highest place in heaven.

Jesus, who was once in the m  
and on the cross, is now on the th  
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from all the inhabitants of heaven

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August 8.

**H**E that overcometh shall inherit  
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will, and glorify his name.

August 10.

**THIS** is the victory that overcometh  
the world, even our faith.—1 John

v. 4.

One hope there is that succour brings,  
Where thickest darts are hurled :

The humblest faith to Christ that clings,  
Shall overcome the world.

This faith is a persuasion of the reality  
of heavenly things, and a confident  
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that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—Gal. v. 24.

I'd nail my passions to the cross  
Where my Redeemer died;  
And all things count but shame and loss,  
For Jesus crucified.

If we are the disciples of Jesus, we must consult his will, live in his service, and aim at his glory.

August 12.

PRAY not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them.

privilege to come

August 14.

**H**IM that cometh unto me I will in  
no wise cast out.—John vi. 37.

"In no wise!" mighty word of faith,  
What more can sinners need?  
Sinners, believe what Jesus saith,  
And with Jehovah plead.

The Saviour never refused a sinner  
on his first application, nor a back-  
slider on his return, and he assures us  
he never will.

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August 16.

**THY** will be done in earth as it is in  
heaven.—Matt. vi. 10.

How sweet to be allowed to pray  
To God the Holy One!  
With filial love and trust to say—  
O God, thy will be done.

We can never be happy, but as our  
wills are conformed to the will of God;  
resignation should ever characterize  
*Christians.*

**SHALL** we sin, because we are not  
under the law, but under grace?  
God forbid.—Rom. vi. 15.

Could Jesus suffer for my sin,  
And I not dread it worse?  
Would God have bruised him, but to win  
His creature from its curse?

Privileges aggravate our sins ; sin is  
always bad, but never so bad as when  
committed against light and love.

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August 18.

**WITH** my soul have I desired thee  
in the night ; yea, with my spirit  
within me, will I seek thee early.—  
Isa. xxvi. 9.

Thou art my only trust,

August 20.

**I**F that abideth in me, and I in him,  
the same bringeth forth much  
fruit : for without me ye can do no-  
thing.—John xv. 5.

Lord, I am nothing in myself alone,  
In all my weakness let thy strength be shown,  
In all my poverty, thy riches give,  
Dead in myself, may I through Jesus live.

Union to Jesus is the source of life,  
and fruitfulness ; it is only as we cleave  
to him, that we can glorify him.

August 21.

**A**LL mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

—John xvii. 10.

Dear Lord, if I am one of thine,  
From anxious thoughts I would be free,  
To trust, and love, and praise is mine,  
The care of all belongs to thee.

The Father gave us his Son ; the Son loves and values us beyond description; and it is ours to glorify him by our devotedness, activity, and gratitude.

August 22.

**RECAUSE** thou hast been my help,  
in the shadow of thy

return unto the Lord  
thy God ; for thou hast fallen by  
thine iniquity.—Hosea xiv. 1.

Wherefore should I longer wander,  
Let me to my God return ;  
On his judgments mutely ponder,  
And their sacred lessons learn.

By sin we wander from God, by faith,  
prayer, and penitence, we return to  
him ; let us believe, pray, and mourn  
over our sins this morning.

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August 24.

) ISRAEL ! thou shalt not be for-  
gotten of me.—Isa. xlv. 21.

Poor thought !



**C**AST down, but not destroyed —  
Cor. iv. 9.

Though sore beset with guilt and fear  
I cannot, dare not quite despair;  
If I must perish, would the Lord  
Have taught my heart to love his word?

We deserve destruction for sin, but  
are preserved from it by grace; cast  
down we may be, for we are sinners :  
destroyed we shall not be, for we are  
believers.

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August 26.

**F**EAR ye not, therefore, ye are of  
more value than many sparrows.  
—Matt. x. 31.

If he worms and sparrows feed,  
Gather the grass in which they feed

August 28.

**L**ET him that thinketh he standeth,  
take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. x. 12.

Though much exalted in the Lord,  
My strength is not my own ;  
Then let me tremble at his word,  
And none shall cast me down.

Filial fear is our great preservative  
in all times of temptation ; we shall  
not fall into that which we fear.

prayers, re-  
supply our wants.

August 30.

**BECAUSE** thou hast kept the word  
of my patience, I also will keep  
thee from the hour of temptation.—

Rev. iii. 10.

Jesus, in sore temptation's hour,  
May I not trust thy grace and power?  
Surely I would thy word embrace,  
And hang on thy sufficient grace.

Every professor must be tried, but  
if Jesus keep us, we shall overcome.

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He is *truth*, and therefore *will*.

The promises of God are the offspring of his love, the proofs of his grace, and the pledges of his mercy : they are changeless, as his nature ; certain, as his existence ; and immutable, as his throne.

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despair; never let us give  
pendence on the faithful word.

September 2.

HE shall deliver thee in six troubles;  
yea, in seven there shall no evil  
touch thee.—Job v. 19.

To Jesus then your trouble bring,  
Nor murmur at your lot;  
While you are poor, and he is King,  
You shall not be forgot.

Every trouble is preceded by a "need  
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holiness on earth, nor can there be in heaven ; we need a change of nature, rather than change of place.

**September 4.**

**T**HE comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 Cor. i. 4.

Be mine the comforts that reclaim  
The soul from Satan's power ;  
That make me blush for what I am,  
And hate my sin the more.

Spiritual comforts come directly from God, and they always lead us to God, and make us like God.

We are in  
darkness to walk  
let us walk carefully and

September 6.

**BRETHREN**, ye have been called  
unto liberty ; only use not liberty  
for an occasion to the flesh.—Gal. v. 13.

The liberty our hearts implore,  
Is not to live in sin ;  
But still to wait at Wisdom's door,  
Till mercy calls us in.

We are called to enjoy freedom from  
guilt and slavish fear, in order that  
we may serve God in righteousness  
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**September 8.**

**YE** are dead, and your life is hid  
with Christ in God.—Col. iii. 3.

Though many foes beset your road,  
And feeble is your arm ;  
Your life is hid with Christ in God,  
Beyond the reach of harm.

If dead to the law, and united to Jesus  
—if dead to the world, and alive unto  
God, our safety is perfect, and heaven  
is sure : holiness is the earnest of  
heaven.



September 9.

**THE** meek also shall increase their  
joy in the Lord, and the poor  
among men shall rejoice in the Holy  
One of Israel.—Isa. xxix. 19.

'Tis joy enough, my all in all,  
At thy dear feet to lie;  
Thou wilt not let me lower fall,  
And none can higher fly.

The more humble we are, the hap-  
pier we shall be; for joy is the  
offspring of humility.

September 10.

**FOR** we are members of his body,  
of his flesh, and of his bones.—  
Eph. v. 30.

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September 12.

BY the grace of God I am what I  
am.—1 Cor. xv. 10.

'Twas grace that called our souls at first,  
By grace thus far we're come ;  
And grace will help us through the worst,  
And lead us safely home.

Grace originates, carries on, and  
completes, our salvation ; it claims,  
deserves, and should have, all the  
glory. By grace we are saved.

patiently to suffer God's will.

September 14.

THEN said Martha unto Jesus,  
Lord, if thou hadst been here, my  
brother had not died.—John xi. 21.

He loves to come when others flee,  
Or, coming, cannot aid ;  
To save in faith's extremity,  
When hope's last glimmerings fade.

We often think, if God were with us,  
and for us, such trials would not be-  
fall us ; but he sends the trials in or-  
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HE doeth according to his will.—  
Dan. iv. 35.

In heaven, and earth, and air, and seas,  
He executes his firm decrees ;  
And by his saints it stands confest,  
That what he does is ever best.

The will of God is the highest rule of  
rectitude, therefore our daily prayer  
should be, "Thy will be done."

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September 18.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save  
in the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.—Gal. vi. 14.

Inscribed upon the cross we see,  
In shining letters, "God is Love,"

He bears our sins upon the tree,  
And brings us mercy from above.

The ground of our hope, and the ob-  
ject of our boast is the cross; on this  
we rest for acceptance, and in this  
we rejoice and glory.

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September 20.

**T**HE Lord shall guide thee continually, and shall satisfy thy soul in drought.—Isa. lviii. 11.

The Lord Jehovah is my guide,  
He doth, and will for me provide ;  
And in the mount it shall be seen,  
How kind and generous he hath been.

When accepted of God in Jesus, we  
walk in accordance with his word,  
he will guide and satisfy our souls.

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mind ; the more  
more precious Jesus is.

September 22.

**I AM** the living bread which came  
down from heaven : if any man eat  
of this bread, he shall live for ever.  
—John vi. 51.

This precious food my heart revives,  
What strength, what nourishment it gives !  
O let me evermore be fed  
With this divine, celestial bread.

If we can live without Christ, we are  
dead in our sins ; but if he is our daily  
food, we are undoubtedly born of God.

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xxxv. 3.

Weak as you are, you shall not faint,  
Or, fainting, shall not die,  
Jesus, the strength of every saint,  
Will aid you from on high.

The weak are the especial objects of  
the Saviour's care, he is their strength  
and will perfect his strength in their  
weakness.

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September 24.

CHRIST is the head of the church,  
and he is the Saviour of the church.—  
Eph. v. 23.



his profession, but a gloomy professor dishonours it ; let us aim to be happy in God under all circumstances.

September 26.

**I**T is good for me that I have been afflicted ; that I might learn thy statutes.—Ps. cxix. 71.

Afflictions make us love the word,  
Stir up our hearts to prayer ;  
And many a precious proof afford,  
Of our Redeemer's care.

Every child of God is sent to the school of affliction, here the most valuable lessons are taught, and so taught that they cannot be forgotten.

WILL HOLY DEVOUT DESIRE US ALL,

To win the prize, and wear the crown.

Sloth dishonours God, and injures us;  
let us therefore copy the lively, de-  
voted, zealous servants of God.

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September 28.

**I** WILL put my fear in their hearts,  
that they shall not depart from me.

—Jer. xxxii. 40.

The fear of the Lord forbids us to yield,  
It sharpens our sword, and strengthens our  
shield,

Then cry we to heaven with one loud accord,  
That to us be given the fear of the Lord.

In the new covenant God not only  
promises us blessings, but engages  
that we shall not finally forfeit them.

the Spirit of  
the word of Jesus must rule us.

September 30.

**SHEW** me a token for good ; that  
they which hate me may see it and  
be ashamed.—Ps. lxxxvi. 17.

O that my Saviour would impart  
Some token of his love,  
To comfort my desponding heart,  
And make it mount above.

A ray of light from God's countenance,  
and the interpositions of Divine pro-  
vidence are tokens for good which  
we may earnestly seek and expect.

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1      will not forsake his people for his great name's sake.—  
Sam. xii. 22.

Though sometimes unperceived by sense,  
Faith sees him always near ;  
A Guide, a Glory, a Defence,  
Then what have you to fear ?

The grace that made us Christians,  
will keep us so ; the Lord will not  
abandon us for his name's sake.

October 2.

**EXCEPT** ye eat the flesh of the  
Son of man, and drink his blood,  
ye have no life in you.—John vi. 53.  
Increase our faith, and

self-dependence  
to the strong for strength

October 4.

**I**F I do that I would not, it is no  
more I that do it, but sin that  
dwelleth in me.—Rom. vii. 20.

Lord, free me from this deadly foe,  
Which keeps my faith and hope so low ;  
I long to dwell in heaven my home,  
Where not one sinful thought can come.

The Christian's heart is turned against  
sin, he hates it, and longs to be free  
from it ; but it still dwells in him.

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Their sins more numerous than the stars,

In Jesus' blood are drowned;

And Zion's God in love declares

"Their sins shall not be found,"

completely does God blot out our



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October 8.

WHO maketh thee to differ from another, and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?—1 Cor. iv. 7.  
What was there in you that could merit esteem,  
Or give the Creator delight?  
'Twas even so, Father, you ever must sing,  
*Because it seemed good in thy sight.*

If we differ in a spiritual sense from those around us, grace alone made the difference, and if grace made us differ, we ought to be humble.

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October 10.

O THAT I were as in months past,  
as in the days when God preserved  
me.—Job xxix. 2.

O that my soul as heretofore,  
Could with delight and love explore  
Those sacred sweets in Jesus' name,  
That once my raptured soul o'ercame.

If we would be as we were once, we  
must retrace our steps, and return to  
the Lord afresh, exercising faith in  
his word, and hope in his mercy.



Spirit from me.—Ps. li. 11.


When pride and self begin to swell,  
The Comforter departs;  
The high and lofty One will dwell  
In humble broken hearts.

We are not more indebted to the  
work of Christ for our justification,  
than we are to the work of the Holy  
Spirit for our sanctification.

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October 12.

HE was strong in faith, giving glory



Dear Jesus, be thou my Shepherd and Guide,  
No want shall I know, since thou dost provide,  
When danger attends me, to thee I would fly.  
The arm that defends me, my needs shall  
supply.

Jesus has a shepherd's eye and a  
shepherd's heart, he watches over, and  
is intensely interested in, his flock.

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October 14.

COME unto me, all ye that labour,  
and are heavy laden, and I will give  
you rest.—Matt. xi. 28.

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October 16.

**FOR** so is the will of God, that with  
well-doing ye may put to silence  
the ignorance of foolish men.—1 Pet.  
ii. 15.

Let prudence, tenderness, and love,  
Through all my actions shine;  
Then shall my conversation prove  
My faith and hope divine.

Sinners are to be silenced by our  
deeds, rather than by our words; they  
may refuse to hear us speak, but they  
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for the glory of thy name.—Ps.  
lxxix. 9.

Help us to see thy gracious care,  
In each divine supply ;  
That we may love the helping hand,  
That brings salvation nigh.

The God that saves us from our sins,  
will help us out of our troubles ; he  
can glorify his name by so doing.

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October 18.

**T**HERE is therefore now no con-  
demnation to them which are in  
Christ Jesus.—Rom. viii. 1.

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and in me let each voice  
To my Redeemer's praise.

need an omniscient eye, and an  
mighty arm, to keep us safe; and  
th are constantly engaged for us.

October 20.

ALL we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his  
own way; and the Lord hath laid on  
him the iniquity of us all.—Isa. liii. 6.  
Like sheep we have strayed in folly and sin,  
But Jesus is made a surety divine;  
He for our offences did fully atone,  
That he might advance us to sit on his throne.  
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FOR thou wilt give me rest.

Our God has engaged to go with us every step of our journey, and to introduce us to eternal rest at the end of it.

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October 22.

**P**REPARE to meet thy God, O Israel.—Amos iv. 12.

O God, my soul for death prepare,  
To me that wisdom give,  
To spend each day as though it were  
The last I have to live.

Union to Jesus, and an interest in his work, gives us an actual readiness to meet our God, but only the Holy

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October 24.

HAVING loved his own which were  
in the world, he loved them unto  
the end.—John xiii. 1.

When troubles attend, or danger or strife,  
His love will defend and guard us thro' life;  
And when we are fainting, and ready to die,  
Whatever is wanting his hand will supply.

As Jesus is always the same, his love  
can never vary; having once loved  
his people, he loves them to the end.

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him in peace, without spot and  
blameless.—2 Pet. iii. 14.

I would be active in the path  
Of duty here below ;  
While steadfast hope and lively faith  
Support and bear me through.

We should ever keep the coming of  
Jesus in view, and so act as neither to  
be afraid or ashamed to meet him at  
any moment.

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**October 26.**

**T**AKE heed, and beware of covetous-  
ness.—Luke xii. 15.



I could not see my  
And wait to know that thou art  
Might I but know that thou art  
My Saviour and my Friend.

Assurance is a blessing we cannot too  
highly value or too earnestly seek : it  
is the flower of faith, and a source of  
sweetest joy.

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October 28.

**WHETHER** we live, we live unto  
the Lord ; and whether we die,  
we die unto the Lord.—Rom. xiv. 8.

May my constant study be,  
While I live to live to thee ;  
That I may be my steady aim,  
To glorify thy name.

1 ~~praise~~ be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—2 Cor. ix. 15.

Praise his name who died to save us,  
'Tis by him his people live ;  
And in him the Father gave us  
All that boundless love could give.

God can give us nothing greater than  
his Son, and can we think that he  
will withhold anything less ? having  
given Jesus he will give all that is good.

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October 30.

**N**OW is Christ risen from the dead,  
and become the first-fruits of them  
that slept.—1 Cor. xv. 20

November 1.

**W**HITHER the forerunner is for  
us entered, even Jesus.—Heb.  
vi. 20.

Raise, raise, my soul, thy raptured sight,  
With sacred wonder and delight;  
Jesus, thy own forerunner see,  
Enter'd beyond the veil for thee.

Jesus has entered the holiest for us;  
we now follow in his footsteps, and  
shall soon sit down on his throne;  
until then, let us copy his example.

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bereth that we are dust.—  
ciii. 14.

Jehovah knows how weak we are,  
And makes our feeble life his care,  
Strength he proportions to the day,  
Rememb'ring that we are but clay.

Our God knows us perfectly, an  
never loses sight of our frailty and in  
firmities ; no father ever pitied hi  
child as God pities us.

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November 3.

**Y**E believe in God, believe also in  
me.—John xiv. 1.

His word *demonstrates*

If we have  
free gift, eternal  
have not received him, we  
sent to us.

November 5.  
**THE** love of Christ, which passeth  
knowledge.—Eph. iii. 19.

When we think of love like this,  
Joy and shame our hearts possess,  
Joy—that thou couldst pity thus,  
Shame—for such returns from us.

The love of Jesus is infinite as his na-  
ture, and eternal as his existence :  
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**A**FTER he had patiently endured,  
he obtained the promise.—Heb.  
vi. 15.

And with humble patience still,  
I would wait my Father's will ;  
In the path of duty run,  
Till the task of life is done.

Faith believes the promise, hope ex-

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**November 9.**  
**BRING** forth therefore fruits worthy  
of repentance.— Luke iii. 8.

Let my repentance be sincere,  
Let faith in all its fruits appear ;  
Inflame my heart with holy love,  
And fix my hope on things above.

If our repentance is genuine, reformation of life is sure ; faith produces penitence, and penitence is proved by holiness. Repentance should be daily until reformation is complete.

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And fill me with dismay ;  
Lord, let thy power and grace divine,  
Renew me day by day.

The body must decay, the tabernacle  
must be taken down ; but the soul  
may be more and more conformed to  
Jesus.

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November 11.

HE shall call upon me, and I will  
answer him ; I will be with him  
in trouble.—Ps. xci. 15.

His ear regards our mournful cry.  
His gracious aid is ever nigh ;  
Then let us to his throne repair



November 12.

TOLD, he cometh with clouds;  
and every eye shall see him.—

i. 7.

Saviour! in that awful day,  
Keep our hearts from sinking,  
For ev'n now we feel dismay,  
Of the season thinking.

us keep the coming of Jesus con-  
stantly in view, and live in daily ex-  
pectation of his appearing.

November 13.

THE portion of Jacob is not like  
them: the Lord of hosts is his

November 14.

At the morning will I direct my  
prayer unto thee, and will look up.  
Ps. v. 3.

In all the duties of the day  
Support me by thy power;  
Direct me in thy holy way,  
And keep me every hour.

As the mind is spiritual, it will natur-  
ally lift up the eye to God, and, in  
answer to prayer, God will graciously  
look down upon us.

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November 15.

The soul of the people was much  
encouraged because of

November 17.

**G**REAT is our Lord, and of great  
power ; his understanding is infi-  
nite.—Ps. cxlvii. 5.

Great as he is, his people dare  
Approach him, and present their prayer ;  
He hears his people's cry, and grants  
A full supply for all their wants.

The Lord's goodness and greatness are  
equal ; we may therefore expect much  
from him, while we bow in deepest  
reverence before him.

we shall be peaceful.

November 19.

**BY** grace are ye saved through faith,  
and that not of yourselves ; it is  
the gift of God.—Eph. ii. 8.

'Tis grace, and grace alone,  
Has saved, and yet will save,  
'Tis grace will raise us to a throne,  
Will raise us from the grave.

Salvation is a favour conferred on  
the unworthy, an expression of the  
kindness and love of God ; if saved  
at all, it must be as a favour.

Should be the object of such love.

Now, though poor and needy ; now,  
though tried and tempted ; now,  
though persecuted and hated ; now  
are we the sons of God.

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November 21.

**P**RAYING always with all prayer  
and supplication in the Spirit.—  
Eph. vi. 18.

Lord, let my prayer like incense rise  
Before thy throne above the skies ;  
And my requests accepted be,  
Through Jesus pleading there for me.

Isa. xlv. 25.

O may my soul for ever praise,  
His free, his justifying grace ;  
And by a holy conduct prove  
My interest in his saving love.

Union to Jesus gives an interest in all  
that he has ; therefore all who are  
united to him are justified by his obe-  
dience unto death.

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November 23.

**I**N all these things we are more than  
conquerors through him that loved  
us.—Rom. viii. 37.

Our foes are strong, and many too.

✓ curse of the law, being made a  
curse for us.—Gal. iii. 13.

Jesus has borne the curse for me,  
From every charge to set me free,  
Why should I yield to slavish fear?  
If God himself pronounce me clear.

What a mystery is this! the Blessed  
One made a curse, that we accursed  
ones might inherit a blessing.

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November 25.

HERE have we no continuing city,  
but we seek one to come.—Heb.  
xiii. 14.

We've no abiding city here,

November 26.

**M**Y brethren, count it all joy when  
ye fall into divers temptations:  
—James i. 2.

Trials prove and strengthen patience;  
Trials purge the dross away;  
Trials sweeten expectations.



The me-  
yield to his will, con-  
aim at his glory : and such he is.

November 29.

FATHER, I will that they also  
whom thou hast given me be with  
me where I am.—John xvii. 24.

Then, Lord, remove whate'er divides  
Our lingering souls from thee;  
'Tis fit that where the Head resides,  
The members too should be.

The presence of Christ is the joy of  
his people, and their presence with  
him is the reward of his work ; as his  
reward is sure, our glory is certain.

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**December 1.**

**DOUBTLESS** thou art our Father.

—Isa. lxiii. 16.

I have called thee Abba, Father,  
I have set my heart on thee,  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,  
All must work for good to me.

However dark the day, however trying the path, however severe the discipline, it is for faith still to claim God as a Father, and say "*All is well.*"

off Jesus, or withdraw our confidence from him, he can conquer us with ease.

**December 3.**

**TAKE** my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly of heart.—Matt. xi. 29.

Give me the meek, the lowly mind,  
I would obedient be ;  
And all my rest and pleasure find  
In learning, Lord, of thee.

Never was there such a teacher as  
Jesus, nor are any lessons like his ;  
let us take our place at his feet, and  
learn of him to-day.

be always ready for it.

**December 5.**

**G**OD shall wipe away all tears from  
their eyes.—Rev. vii. 17.

'Tis thus the Lord has fix'd a day,  
To wipe his people's tears away;  
Their toils, and griefs, and conflicts past,  
He'll bring them to himself at last.

All our sorrows are bounded by time,  
we may weep on earth, but not in  
heaven; Jesus wept once, but he is  
full of joy now, and so shall all his  
people be soon.

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he humble are really happy.

December 11.

**LET** your speech be always with  
grace, seasoned with salt.—Col.  
iv. 6.

Time is precious, we'll improve it,  
Worldlings talk of worldly things;  
Leave the world to those who love it,  
'Tis not thence our comfort springs.

In few things do we fail so much or  
so frequently, as in introducing and  
maintaining profitable conversation.  
Watch! pray! attempt it often.

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may be quite sure that he never misses his mark.

December 13.

**I** PRESS toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Phil. iii. 14.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Arm'd by faith and wing'd by prayer,  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

Life is a race; perfection is our mark,  
holiness our course, and glory our incorruptible crown.

**HE** which hath begun a good work  
in you will perform it until the  
day of Jesus Christ.—Phil. i. 6.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete ;  
His promise is yea and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.

The Lord knew us perfectly before he  
began his good work in us, nothing  
can arise now to change his mind.

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**December 19.**

**I**F the Son therefore shall make you  
free, ye shall be free indeed.—John

**December 21.**

**WE** have such an high priest, who  
is set on the right hand of the  
throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

—Heb. viii. 1

Touch'd with a feeling of our woes,  
Jesus, our High Priest, stands ;  
All our infirmities he knows,  
Our souls are in his hands.

Our High Priest is officiating for us  
at this moment, in the holiest of all ;  
let us therefore draw nigh to God  
*with boldness.*



December 27.

CHRIST being raised from the dead  
lieth no more ; death hath no more  
minion over him.—Rom. vi. 9.

Who rises who mankind has bought  
With grief and pain extreme ;  
Was great to speak a world from nought,  
'Twas greater to redeem.

The resurrection of Jesus secures  
ours ; it is both the pledge and the  
pattern ; and as he is now superior  
to death so shall we be soon.

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**B**EING fully persuaded that, w<sup>h</sup>l  
he had promised, he was able al  
to perform.—Rom. iv. 21.

The promises surpass my thought,  
But faithful is my Lord;  
In unbelief I stagger not,  
For God hath spoke the word.

'The Lord never made a promis  
which he did not intend to perform  
nor did he ever disappoint the sou  
which trusted in him.

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**December 29.**

**T**HE love of God is shed abroad in  
our hearts by the Holy Spirit

**I** which strengtheneth me.—Phil.  
iv. 13.

Oh Lord ! thy strength in me renew,  
Keep me from every fall ;  
Nothing without thee can I do,  
By thee I can do all.

The strength of the whole Church is  
in Christ ; by faith we receive it  
from him, and having done so, should  
employ it for him.

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**December 31.**

**T**HE Lord shall reign for ever, even  
thy God, O Zion, unto all genera-

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